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FOR AMBASSADOR AND DEA

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SUBJECT: IAA CONFERENCE

1. THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL (CCINC), IS PRESENTLY MAKING PLANS FOR THE SECOND EAST ASIA WORKING CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD IN YOUR WORLD AREA. WE HAVE CHOSEN KUALA LUMPUR AS THE BEST SITE FOR THE CONFERENCE SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS AND THE MAKING OF SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT. THE PROPOSED DATE IS APRIL 1977 IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED IN TIME.

2. AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT BEFORE, THE PURPOSE OF IAA AND THE CONFERENCE IS TO REVIEW PROGRESS TOWARD AUGMENTATION OF NARCOTICS INTERDICTION TRAINING RECEIVED BY FOREIGN ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND TO REINFORCE NATIONAL

POLICE ADMINISTRATION ON A REGIONAL BASIS. FURTHER, THE

CONFERENCES ARE INTENDED TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIPS, BETTER WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AND WORLD-WIDE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT.

- 3. DURING FY-76 THREE WORLD AREA CONFERENCES WERE CONDUCTED, ONE OF WHICH WAS HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND IN FEBRUARY. A SECOND WAS HELD IN PANAMA CITY IN JULY AND THE THIRD IN ROME, ITALY IN OCTOBER. ALL PREVIOUS IAA CONFERENCES WERE MONITORED BY MEMBERS OF THE CCINC STAFF AND THEIR REPORTS INDICATE THAT EACH WAS A SUCCESS. THE IAA HAS NOW GAINED WORLD-WIDE ACCEPTANCE AND RECOGNITION AS AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO FURTHERING COOPERATION AMONG ITS MEMBERSHIP, THEIR AGENCIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.
- 4, IAA CONFERENCES ARE NOT DESIGNED AS A FORUM FOR DEA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, BUT AS A MEETING GROUND FOR WORKING LEVEL OFFICERS TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING PROBLEMS, POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AND OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THERE IS NO INTENT FOR THE ASSOCIATION TO BECOME OPERATIONAL. YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER WILL BE APPRECIATED IN PROVIDING LIAISON ASSISTANCE SPECIFICALLY WITH MR. MOHAMED JARJIS, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU AS WELL AS OTHER RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT.
- 5. ADVANCE TEAM S/A JAMES GREENE AND STAFF ASSISTANT UNCLASSIFIED

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JUNE FITZ WILL ARRIVE BANGKOK DURING WEEK OF JANUARY 23. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COME TO MALAYSIA TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING IAA AND CONFERENCE.
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